

PROPOSICIÓN 218 AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA SOBRE AUMENTOS PROPUESTOS EN TARIFAS DE MEDIDORES Y AGUA RECICLADA

SE NOTIFICA que la ciudad de Porterville llevará acabo una audiencia pública el 21 de noviembre de 2023 a las 6:30 pm en la cámara del consejo municipal, ubicada en 291 North Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257, para considerar la adopción de los aumentos a las tarifas de sus cargos por servicio de medidores y agua reciclada. El propósito de la audiencia pública es para tomar los comentarios escritos y orales y considerar todas las reclamaciones por escrito en contra de los aumentos de tarifas propuestos. Las reclamaciones por escrito deben ser presentadas con el secretario municipal de la ciudad de Porterville.

SUS DERECHOS: Si usted es el propietario registrado de una propiedad sujeta a las tarifas propuestas o un inquilino directamente responsable por el pago de los cargos por servicio de tarifas de medidores y agua reciclada (es decir, un cliente de registro), puede presentar una protesta por escrito en contra de los cambios propuestos en las tarifas. Sólo una protesta escrita por parcela será contada. Protestas escritas pueden ser enviadas por correo al secretario municipal de la ciudad de Porterville, ubicado en 291 N. Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257, o en persona en la audiencia pública, siempre y cuando se hayan recibido antes de la conclusión del testimonio público en la audiencia pública. Por favor identifique en el frente del sobre "Water Rate Protest" por cualquier protesta, ya sea por correo o entregarse personalmente al secretario municipal. Las protestas presentadas verbalmente, o por correo electrónico, fax o cualquier otro medio electrónico no serán aceptadas. Para obtener más información acerca de este aviso, por favor llame a la ciudad al (559) 782-7514. De conformidad con la sección 53759 del Código de Gobierno de California, existe un plazo de prescripción de 120 días para impugnar cualquier tarifa o cargo nuevo, aumentado o ampliado a partir de la fecha de adopción.

PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSE NEW RECYLED WATER AND METER RATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Porterville will hold a Public Hearing on November 21, 2023, at its regularly scheduled Council meeting that starts at 6:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 291 North Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257, to consider the adoption of New Recycled water rates service fees. The purpose of the public hearing is to take written and oral comments and consider all written protests against the proposed rate implementations. Written protests must be filed with the City of Porterville City Clerk.

YOUR RIGHTS: If you are the record owner of a property subject to the proposed rates or a tenant directly liable for the payment of water service fees (i.e., a customer of record), you may submit a written protest against the proposed Recycled water rate. Only one written protest per parcel will be counted. Written protests may be submitted by mail to the City Clerk, City of Porterville, 291 North Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257, or in person at the public hearing, so long as they are received prior to the conclusion of public testimony at the public hearing. Please identify on the front of the envelope "Water Rate Protest" for any protest, whether mailed or submitted in person to the City Clerk. Please indicate your name and either the address(es) or water/sewer account number(s) of your property or properties. Protests submitted verbally, by e-mail, facsimile, or other electronic means will not be accepted.

Each protest must (1) be in writing; (2) state opposition to the proposed recycled water rate; (3) provide the location of the owner's identified parcel (by assessor's parcel number or street address); and (4) include the original signature of the property owner or customer of record submitting the protest. Only one written protest per parcel will be counted.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council will consider adopting the proposed water rate outlined on the reverse side of this notice. If, at the close of the public hearing, written protests against the proposed water rate are submitted by a majority of record owners of affected parcels and customers of record (50% plus one), the City will not approve the proposed water rates. If, at the close of the public hearing, written protests against the proposed rate increases do not present a majority of record owners of affected parcels and customers of record, the City Council will be authorized to impose the proposed rate up to the amounts proposed. If adopted, the new recycled water rate will be effective January 1, 2024. Pursuant to California Government Code section 53759, there is a 120-day statute of limitations for challenging any new, increased, or extended fee or charge from the date of adoption.

THE NEED TO ESTABLISH RECYCLED WATER RATE AND METER FEE: The City of Porterville completed a Recycled Water Feasibility Study in October 2019. Its primary objective is to identify and analyze opportunities for supplying recycled water in and around the City of Porterville. The City is near completion of its .308 Million Gallon-a-day (MGD) Tertiary Water Treatment Facility, which is scheduled for operation by the end of 2023. Implementing recycled water will enable the City to offset potable water use, thereby enhancing local sustainability and drought impact resiliency to customers for irrigation and industrial uses. The City makes every effort to provide its customers with water in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible. The City continuously evaluates operational costs and utilization of assets to maintain infrastructure efficiencies and improve water supply distribution. Tertiary Treatment of the City's Wastewater Effluent to recycled water will be crucial in augmenting or offsetting potable water supplies. The implementation of recycled water requires the proposed recycled water pricing mechanism and rate structure to recover the cost of production, distribution, and maintenance of recycled water.

PROPOSED WATER / RECYCLED WATER RATE FEE MODIFICATION: The City of Porterville's recycled water rate revenue will fund the costs of providing recycled water service. Therefore, recycled water rates must be set at sufficient levels to recover the cost of treatment, operation, maintenance, and capital improvement. Recycled water rates comprise three parts: recycled water consumption fee, recycled water meter service fees, and recycled water backflow device fee.

PROPOSED RATES FOR 2024: Recycled water usage revenues pay for the costs of delivering recycled water and are based on the quantity of recycled water consumed as measured by your water meter. The proposed water rates include (1) a monthly meter charge and (2) a water consumption use charge. The meter charge is a fixed amount calculated to recover a portion of the City's fixed costs of operating and maintaining the recycled water system. It is established on the basis of the size of the water meter serving the property. The fixed meter charge is due regardless of the quantity of water consumed. The water use charge is the rate the City charges per unit of water consumed (one unit of water equals 748 gallons or 100 cubic feet). The charge will differ from one bill to another, depending on the water consumed and your meter's size. The City Council will consider a recycled water rate structure of \$1.91 per unit for irrigation and industrial uses. In addition to

consumption, a proportional rate structure by meter size is also being considered for all new meter ranges not previously covered by existing service fees. Recycled water service fees, based on meter size, pay for fixed costs of providing service and do not vary with the quantity of water purchased.

BILL IMPACT: The proposed Fee Modification for irrigation and industrial uses on a facility with a 1" recycled water meter and consuming 22 units (16,456 gallons or 2,200 cubic feet) of recycled water in a billing cycle will see a monthly bill of \$60.10. Please note that billing accounts will be lower or higher than shown depending on the actual quantity of water used.

Assistance can be provided to those requiring accommodations for disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Accommodations must be requested at least 48 hours in advance by calling: The City Clerk's Office at (559) 782-7476. City staff can assist you with answering any questions about your water bill. If you have any questions regarding the information in this notice or the rates applicable to your property, please contact Field Services at (559) 782-7514.

METERED RATES			Proposed Metered Rates per Fiscal Year (FY)	
Potable Water Rate Schedule	Current Rates FY 2023/24	Proposed Rates FY 2023/24	Recycled Water Rate Schedule	Proposed Rates FY 2023/24
WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGE <i>(per 100 cubic feet)</i>	\$1.91		WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGE <i>(per 100 cubic feet)</i>	\$1.91
PHASE V RATE INCREASE†	\$2.29			
<i>Less than 1"</i>	\$18.08		<i>Less than 1"</i>	\$18.08
<i>1"</i>	\$19.89		<i>1"</i>	\$19.89
<i>1 1/4"</i>	\$24.40		<i>1 1/4"</i>	\$24.40
<i>1 1/2"</i>	\$28.92		<i>1 1/2"</i>	\$28.92
<i>2"</i>	\$36.14		<i>2"</i>	\$36.14
<i>3"</i>	\$48.79		<i>3"</i>	\$48.79
<i>4"</i>	\$59.63		<i>4"</i>	\$59.63
<i>6"</i>	\$72.29		<i>6"</i>	\$72.29
<i>8"</i>	\$90.36		<i>8"</i>	\$90.36
<i>10"</i>		\$100.40	<i>10"</i>	\$100.40

UNMETERED FLAT RATES			Proposed Unmetered Flat Rates per Fiscal Year (FY)	
Potable Water Rate Schedule	Current Rates FY 2023/24	No Proposed Rate Change FY 2023/24	No Recycled Water Flat Rate Schedule	No Proposed Rates FY 2023/24
<i>Trailer Parks</i>	\$39.77			
PHASE V RATE INCREASE†	\$47.74			
<i>All Others</i>	\$86.54			
PHASE V RATE INCREASE†	\$103.83			

BACKFLOW DEVICES			Proposed Backflow Device Rates per Fiscal Year (FY)	
Potable Water Rate Schedule	Current Rates FY 2023/24	No Proposed Rate Change FY 2023/24	Recycled Water Device Rate Schedule	Proposed Rates FY 2023/24
DEVICE SIZE				
<i>1"</i>	\$11.49			\$11.49
<i>1 1/2" – 2 1/2"</i>	\$16.09			\$16.09
<i>3"</i>	\$18.44			\$18.44
<i>4"</i>	\$22.95			\$22.95
<i>6" – 10"</i>	\$101.20			\$101.20

†Phase V Rate Increases will occur only if directed by the City Council to transition into the City's Emergency Response Phase V of its Water Conservation Plan.